

10/837,025, over Claims 1 – 51 of U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 10/637,847,<sup>2</sup> and Claims 1 – 52 of U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 10/117,978. Terminal disclaimers are being filed concurrently herewith to disclaim any term that would extend beyond the terms of U.S. Pat. Appl. Nos. 10/117,978 and 10/637,847, each of which has an earlier filing date than the present application.

The only outstanding rejections are thus believed to be provisional obviousness-type double-patenting rejections over U.S. Appl. Nos. 10/837,025, 11/133,805, and 11/135,923, all of which have later filing dates than the present application. In accordance with MPEP 804.I.B.1, withdrawal of those provisional rejections is accordingly requested (“If a ‘provisional’ nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting … rejection is the only rejection remaining in the earlier filed of the two pending applications, while the later-filed application is rejectable on other grounds, the examiner should withdraw that rejection and permit the earlier-filed application to issue as a patent without a terminal disclaimer”).

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<sup>2</sup> It is believed that the indication in the Office Action that the rejection is over U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 10/657,847 is a typographical error.